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**AGENDA ITEM #8**

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To: Delta Protection Commission
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Subject: Legislative Update

The California Legislature convened on December 7, 1998, to be sworn into office and to introduce new bills for the 1999-2000 session, which began on January 4, 1999. This memo lists the legislation of interest to the Delta Protection Commission which has been introduced to date. Future memos will include updates on these bills as well as summaries of bills introduced in the future. The last day for bills to be introduced is February 26, 1999.

WATER**AB 50: Migden: WATER QUALITY: WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS**

Under existing law, the State Water Resources Control Board and Regional Water Quality Control Boards are among the principal agencies with primary regulatory authority over water quality. This bill would authorize the state and regional boards to require an application for waste discharge requirements to include a prescribed pollution prevention plan. The state board would be required to incorporate the plans as part of the waste discharge requirements prescribed for certain dischargers.

STATUS: In Assembly

SB 60: Hayden: METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Metropolitan Water District would be required to place increased emphasis on sustainable, environmentally sound, and cost-effective water conservation, recycling, and groundwater storage. Commencing February 1, 2001, Metropolitan Water District would be required to submit to the Legislature a prescribed annual report relating to water conservation.

STATUS: To Committees on Agriculture & Water Resources and Local Government, 1/7/99

ENVIRONMENT

ACR 1: Thomson: VIC FAZIO YOLO WILDLIFE AREA

This Assembly Concurrence Resolution would request the Department of Fish and Game to change the name of the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area to the Vic Fazio Yolo Wildlife Area.

STATUS: To Committee on Rules, 1/11/99

SB 117: Murray: TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES: ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT AND MITIGATION PROGRAM FUND

Existing law states that it is the intent of the Legislature, commencing July 1, 1991, to allocate \$10,000,000 annually for 10 years to the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Demonstration Program Fund. Under this fund, local, state, and federal agencies and nonprofit entities may apply for and receive grants for environmental and mitigation projects related to the environmental impact of modifying existing or the construction/expansion of new transportation facilities. This bill would extend the sunset date to June 30, 2004.

STATUS: Senate First Reading, 1/4/99

AGRICULTURE

AB 47: Cardoza: WILLIAMSON ACT: CANCELLATION FEES

Under the California Land Conservation Act of 1965, or the Williamson Act, a contract may be canceled upon the petition of the landowner and under specified conditions, for the payment of a cancellation fee to the Controller. Certain revenues are deposited into the Soil Conservation Fund, to be used for the support of specified agricultural programs. This bill would require that the funds paid to the Controller in connection with a Williamson Act contract cancellation that are not used to support the programs specified under existing law shall be deposited into the Agricultural Land Stewardship Program.

STATUS: To Committees on Agriculture and Natural Resources, 1/11/99

SB 95: Chesbro: WILLIAMSON ACT: CANCELLATION FEES

This bill is exactly the same as AB 47.

STATUS: To Committee on Local Government, 1/7/99

RECREATION

AB 18: Keeley: PARKS AND RESOURCES IMPROVEMENT: BOND ACT

This bill would enact the Watershed, Wildlife, and Parks Improvement Bond Act of 2000, which would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$1.5 billion dollars for the purpose of financing a program for the acquisition, development, improvement, rehabilitation, restoration, enhancement, and protection of park, recreational, cultural, historical, fish and wildlife, lake, riparian, reservoir, river, and coastal resources.

STATUS: In Assembly

AB 129: Oller: GASOLINE: MTBE

This bill would make it a misdemeanor to use methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE) in gasoline.

STATUS: In Assembly

SB 2: Chesbro: PARKS AND RESOURCES IMPROVEMENT: BOND ACT

This bill would enact the Watershed, Wildlife, and Parks Improvement Bond Act of 2000, which would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$849.5 million dollars to finance the program described under AB 18.

STATUS: To Committee on Natural Resources & Wildlife, 1/7/99

SB 57: Hayden: PARKS, NATURAL RESOURCES, AND CLEAN COASTAL WATERS: BOND ACT

This bill would enact the Parks, Natural Resources, and Clean Coastal Waters Bond Act of 2000, which would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$500 million dollars to finance the program described under AB 18.

STATUS: To Committee on Natural Resources & Wildlife, 1/7/99

SB 74: Murray: PARKS, WILDLIFE, AND WATERSHED RESOURCES IMPROVEMENT: BOND ACT

This bill would enact the Parks, Wildlife, and Watershed Improvement Bond Act of 2000, which would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$1.084 billion dollars to finance the program described under AB 18.

STATUS: To Committee on Natural Resources & Wildlife, 1/7/99

LAND USE

SB 153: Haynes: PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS: TAKING IMPACT ANALYSIS

This bill would enact the Property Owner Rights Act of 1999, which would require public agencies to minimize the number of agency actions that may significantly impair the use of private property.

STATUS: Senate First Reading, 1/7/99; to Committee on Rules for assignment

FLOOD/DISASTER RELIEF

AB 113: Florez: DISASTERS

This bill would enact the Agricultural Economic Disaster Act of 1999, providing the Governor with emergency powers to allocate funds to certain agriculture-related enterprises in connection with natural disasters or a state of emergency in affected areas. This bill would create the Agricultural Natural Disaster Assistance Fund as a special fund in the State Treasury and require the Controller to establish the Agricultural Emergency Action Account within the Fund, into which would be paid moneys appropriated annually by the Legislature for the assistance of private and public organizations that have incurred expenses in responding to a natural disaster or state of emergency affecting the agricultural industry. Finally, this bill would establish, until January 1, 2005, an Agricultural Disaster Emergency Response Operations Account within the Reserve for Economic Uncertainties, which would be continuously appropriated by the Director of Finance to state agencies for disaster response and operation costs incurred by state agencies as a result of an agriculture-related state of emergency proclamation of the Governor.

STATUS: In Assembly